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1. THIS IS TO UPDATE THE FEBRUARY 26 REPORT OF AN OUTBREAK OF CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER (HOG CHOLERA) IN THE U.S.
2. SINCE THE INITIAL VIRUS ISOLATION ON FEBRUARY 27 THE FOLLOWING SWINE DEPOPULATION (EUTHANIZED AND BURIED) HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

STATE	PREMISES	ANIMALS DESTROYED
	INFECTED	EXPOSED
NEW JERSEY	9	12 WITH 15,781 HEAD
RHODE ISLAND	1	2 WITH 1,681 HEAD

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MASSACHUSETTS	5	13 WITH 1,662 HEAD
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3. MOVEMENT OF ALL FEEDER AND BREEDER SWINE REMAINS ON A "HOLD" ORDER IN ALL OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND. SOME MOVEMENT OUTSIDE THE QUARANTINE AREA HAS OCCURRED UNDER A SPECIAL PERMIT WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. SOME AREAS CONSIDERED HIGH RISK AREAS CONTINUE TO RESTRICT ALL SLAUGHTER MOVEMENT. OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE FEDERAL QUARANTINE AREA ARE MOVING SWINE DIRECTLY TO SLAUGHTER AFTER INSPECTION AND UNDER PERMIT.

4. MOVEMENT UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT "TASK FORCE" OPERATIONS OCCURRED THE LAST WEEK IN MARCH WITH 218 PEOPLE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE EMERGENCY. CURRENTLY THE NUMBER OF TASK FORCE PERSONNEL IS BEING REDUCED. INTENSE EPIZOOTIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

5. SURVEILLANCE FOR HOG CHOLERA IS BEING STEPPED UP ON A NATION WIDE BASIS INCLUDING INCREASED INSPECTION OF GARBAGE FED HERDS ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD AND ELSEWHERE FOR PROPER HEATING OF WASTE FOOD.

6. BREEDING SWINE FROM RHINEHARDT BROTHERS, FLORA, INDIANA TO ALAN KOH WERE ALL BORN AND RAISED ON FARMS IN INDIANA.

7. BREEDING SWINE FROM ILLINOIS PRODUCE INTERNATIONAL, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS WERE OBTAINED FROM FARMS IN ILLINOIS WHERE THEY WERE BORN AND RAISED.

8. TEXAS OUTBREAK: ON JULY 4, 1975, HOG CHOLERA VIRUS WAS ISOLATED FROM 187 SWINE NEAR HEREFORD, TEXAS AND WERE DEPOPULATED ON JULY 5, 1975. ON JULY 21, 1975, A SECOND INFECTED HERD WAS FOUND AND DEPOPULATED. THE JOINT STATE FEDERAL QUARANTINE WHICH COVERS 100 SQUARE MILES AROUND HEREFORD, TEXAS WAS RELEASED ON AUGUST 21, 1975 AFTER EXTENSIVE EPIDERMIOLOGY AND INSPECTION REVEALED NO ADDITIONAL INFECTIONS.
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